

**APPROVED**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

A Regular Meeting of the Mt. Prospect Park District, Cook County, Illinois, was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at Central Community Center Facility of said Park District. President Eilering called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. On roll call, the following officers and commissioners were present:

Julia Caporusso  
Timothy Doherty  
John Eilering  
Gary Grouwinkel  
Bill Klicka (absent)  
Lisa Tenuta  
Susan Walsh

Administrative Staff:

Walter Cook, CEO  
Lee Howard, Financial Advisor  
Jim Jarog, Director of Parks & Planning  
Brett Barcel, Director of Golf  
Fred Behnke,  
Teri Wirkus Exec/Prof. Compliance Mgr

Visitors:

Marge O'Brien  
Mr. Ostrem  
Fred Deutsch  
Tom Deutsch  
Joe Morrisey  
John & Marlene Petrie  
Chris Wetterling  
Tom Munz  
Mike Murphy  
Ken Marchini  
John Tofano  
Phillip Webb  
Greg Ignatous  
Robert Kawsleh  
Ed DeVaney  
Tom Henk  
Marilyn Sherfey  
Mike Anderson  
Joe Maslanka  
Rich & Harriet Malinowski  
L. Johnston  
Phyllis Swedberg

## **ROLL CALL**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Grouwinkel moved to accept the agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Caporusso; Commissioner Walsh voted No and motion carried by yes voice votes.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Doherty moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 21, 2012 as amended; seconded by Commissioner Grouwinkel and carried by unanimous voice vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Phillip Webb, an Arlington Heights resident, addressed the board and proposed that Melas Park have an hour for dogs to run off leash at the bottom of the basin; Harriet Malinowski would like better communication for the residents about the Golf Course Renovations.

## **PARKS FOUNDATION UPDATE:**

None

## **GOLF COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Caporusso reviewed what was discussed at the Golf Committee Meeting concerning Mr. Esler's two Plans. A few of the patrons wanted to view the history of Dave Esler and it was stated that his history is on his website. They also wanted to state that if the board was going to vote on anything about the golf course, that it states that in the Agenda. Fred Deutsch was concern about water coming on his property if the new configuration of the pond is implemented because of the driving range. John Petrie wants more notice concerning the critical issues of the golf course, maybe flyers or on the web. He also feels that common sense solutions are the best and that the netting for a driving range would be an eyesore, move the maintenance shed and investigate the intervals for the tee times. Steve Kurka stated that the Golf Course needs an overhaul with better drainage because the greens are decaying underneath, etc. We could enhance the golf course and have more families and new members. Mr. Kurka likes so far what he sees in Plan B. George Morrisey suggested a vote by all the tax payers and have a referendum. He wants to dig deeper for the retention ponds and is in favor of a new irrigation plan. Phyllis Swedberg is in favor of moving the maintenance building and the irrigation plan. She is in favor of keeping at least 9 holes open at a time.

**FINANCIAL ADVISOR’S REPORT**

Lee Howard, Financial Consultant, reviewed the year to date departmental expenditures analysis, revenue trends and profitability of the District’s key revenue facilities. Commissioner Walsh asked about the net of the Golf Course and why isn’t the Concession Grill not priced to make money. Lee Howard stated the Grill is more for the benefit of the patron than it is to make money. Commissioner Walsh also would like all 2011/2012 information on Capital Improvements. Commissioner Doherty stated the RecPlex/CCC December 2011 numbers are missing. Lee Howard will fix that.

**RATIFICATION**

Commissioner Doherty moved to ratify the payment of the accounts payable for the month of October for check numbers 163134 through 163393 in the amount of \$925,891.26; seconded by Commissioner Tenuta.

<b><u>Roll Call Vote</u></b>	<b><u>Ayes</u></b>	<b><u>Nays</u></b>
<b><u>Absent</u></b>		
Commissioner Caporusso	X	
Commissioner Doherty	X	
Commissioner Eilering	X	
Commissioner Grouwinkel	X	
Commissioner Klicka		X
Commissioner Tenuta	X	
Commissioner Walsh		X

Motion carried.

**RATIFICATION OF PAYROLL**

Commissioner Doherty moved to ratify the payment of the salaries and wages for 9/12/12 & 9/26/12 for check numbers 193038 through 193700 in the amount of \$312,297.67; seconded by Commissioner Tenuta.

<b><u>Roll Call Vote</u></b>	<b><u>Ayes</u></b>	<b><u>Nays</u></b>
<b><u>Absent</u></b>		
Commissioner Caporusso	X	
Commissioner Doherty	X	
Commissioner Eilering		
Commissioner Grouwinkel	X	
Commissioner Klicka		X
Commissioner Tenuta	X	
Commissioner Walsh		X

Motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

W. Cook informed the Board that the Halloween event was most successful with record numbers in attendance. Once again, the employees were to be thanked for their hard work and dedication. As usual, a job well done!

He also reported that the Phase 3 roof replacement at RecPlex was about 90% complete and included more than just roofing, i.e. flashing work, tuck pointing, etc. We will enter winter with all phases of roof replacement completed.

W. Cook also reminded the Board that the annual IAPD/IPRA conference is being held in January and anyone interested should contact Teri.

It is his goal that the proposed 2013 Budget will be distributed in time for discussion at the next Board Meeting. Money is extremely tight. This year's budget process has been very challenging.

### **2012 MEETING DATES**

The Board reviewed the meeting dates for 2013 based on the same schedule as used previously, i.e., Regular Board Meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month with the exception of November and December when, due to the holidays, the meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. Commissioner Doherty moved to accept the revised meeting schedule for 2013 as presented seconded by Commissioner Tenuta and carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **IAPD/IPRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE CREDENTIALS**

W. Cook discussed the annual IAPD/IPRA Conference scheduled for January 26 –28, 2012 and the need to select delegates to the Annual Meeting. It was determined that Commissioner Caporusso would serve as delegate, Commissioner Walsh as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate.

### **GOLF COURSE PLANS**

Commissioner Eilering stated that at this time the Board will not make a final decision but would like to get a Proposal on either Plan A or Plan B from Eisler Golf Design so the Board could proceed. It will take 6-8 months to flush out which direction we wish to go. Walter Cook stated that we will flyer the homes along the Golf Course when we get to a critical juncture; we haven't even received a proposal yet. Charles Wetterling wanted to know if the board has decided on the architect? The answer was yes, Esler Golf Design. Ed DeVahay was concerned how the netting would aesthetically look for the neighbors and the Golf Course. Walter Cook wanted the patrons to understand we are still in the conceptual stage not the concrete stage. John Petrie is for irrigation only but wanted to know if drainage would be extra? Mr. Petrie also stated that do we really need outings and how would that impact the neighbors. Commissioner Eilering stated that outings bring people in to see our Golf Course. Robert Kawsleh felt outings are not worth it and we need facts on how bad are the greens, what are the conceptual costs etc. Tom Munz feels that the architect should come in with a larger concept and then the Board would be able to shave it down. Mike Murphy wants Plan B to keep the Golf Course going for another 30-50 years. The District has great building already like RecPlex, Carboy and Golf Course building. Try to keep it sustainable for the residents. The driving range is dangerous! He likes Plan B, move forward and

do it right. There was a questions on how many architects did we invite? We brought in 12 and narrowed it down to three. Then we wanted to look at one more and that was Esler Golf Design. Tom Hastrom has a great interest in paying back the principal. Only do the irrigation and feels the rest of the work is questionable. He does feel the net takes away from the ambiance and what about the trees? What do we need to do & maintain it not reconfigure the Golf Course. Fred Deutsch asked if our taxes would be raised. The answer was the District are not raising taxes then Lee Howard explained about two types of Debt and how that works. At a Board Meeting Speer Financial came in and explained to the board and patrons about the Bond schedule.

All the Commissioner weighed in with their opinions about Plan A or Plan B. Commissioner Doherty stated to go for the big project (Plan B) and scale back like Mr. Munz suggested. Commissioner Tenuta stated that Plan A did not go far enough and so go for Plan B and scale back. She also felt that the Maintenance building would be an eye sore to the people who live there. Commissioner Walsh likes both Plan A and Plan B. She doesn't want the net but feels there are alternative ideas like an awning or move the net and put more trees. We still have to do Big Surf too so she wants to go with Plan A without the netting and move the maintenance garage, Commissioner Caporusso would like Plan B and have the driving range and a practice range. She feels we could scale down a bit. Commissioner Grouwinkel states to do things right and not piece meal. Now that we have added the driving range so we must do Plan B and scale back. We could put a putting green down by the creek and give a few feet up for the cart path. Commissioner Eilering is listening to the residents, listening to the professional staff and listening to Dave Esler and feels he should support Plan B. He feels the driving range is unsafe so let's find a solution. Let's have Esler Golf Design find a creative way to make the residents happy. Cost of the irrigation/drainage and maintenance is starting to add up.

Commissioner Doherty made a motion to have Dave Esler of Esler Golf Design make a proposal for Plan B; seconded by Commissioner Tenuta. Commissioner Walsh voted No for Plan B but the motion carried by yes voice votes.

**ADOPTION: RESOLUTION NO. 664 – TRUTH IN TAXATION - 2012**

Commissioner Doherty moved to adopt Resolution No. 664:

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY EXCLUSIVE OF LEVIES FOR DEBT SERVICE AND ELECTION COSTS ESTIMATED TO BE NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION PURSUANT TO THE PROPOSED LEVY OF THE MT. PROSPECT PARK DISTRICT FOR THE LEVY YEAR 2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,399,143;

seconded by Commissioner Tenuta.

Commissioner Eilering asked if there were any questions. As there were none he called for a roll call vote.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Caporusso	X		
Commissioner Doherty	X		
Commissioner Eilering	X		
Commissioner Grouwinkel	X		
Commissioner Klicka			X
Commissioner Tenuta	X		
Commissioner Walsh	X		

Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Doherty moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:20 p.m. for the purpose of Section 2(c)(1): Personnel-To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of one or more specific employees of the public body.; seconded by Commissioner Tenuta.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Caporusso	X		
Commissioner Doherty	X		
Commissioner Eilering	X		
Commissioner Grouwinkel	X		
Commissioner Klicka			X
Commissioner Tenuta	X		
Commissioner Walsh	X		

Motion carried

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

Open Session reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

Commissioner Eilering moved to accept the retirement date offered by the CEO, Walter L. Cook, to be effective on 3/29/2013. Effective immediately, an Executive Search Committee will be comprised of Commissioner Doherty as chairperson, Commissioners Tenuta, Caporusso, and Eilering. The responsibilities will include recommending to the Park Board (no later than November 14, 2012) the timing, steps and means (including but not limited to the engagement of search firms) to accomplish the hiring of a new CEO (Executive Director) for the Mt. Prospect Park District; seconded by Commissioner Doherty and carried by unanimous voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Eilering moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 9:55p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Grouwinkel and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julia R. Caporusso, Secretary